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**SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2020**

**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT. VIGIL</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>18:00</b>	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	John Ingram RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>10:00</b>	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	Pro Populo
	<b>19th</b>	<b>12:00</b>	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	Djobo Eso Benjamin RIP
MONDAY	20th	09:00	NO MASS		
TUESDAY	21st	09:00	Feria		Sr Laura Oliveira RIP
WEDNESDAY	22nd	09:00	St Mary Magdalene	<i>Feast</i>	Mrs Jane A Murray RIP
THURSDAY	23rd	09:00	St Bridget of Sweden	<i>Feast</i>	Stephen Fahy RIP
FRIDAY	24th	09:00	Feria		John Ingram RIP
SATURDAY	25th	09:00	St James the Apostle	<i>Feast</i>	Sr Lisette Van Den Nieuwen RIP
<b>SAT. VIGIL</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>18:00</b>	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>Solemnity</i>	Pro Populo

**CONFESSIONS:** SATURDAYS 17:00 - 17:45 [HALL]

**CHURCH OPEN:** WEDS: 4-6, FRI: 2-4, SAT: 10-2.



**We pray especially for Esperance Dawa Atalia whose funeral is this week and for Giuseppe Portelli and Winston Delgado who died recently.** We pray for Pierre Paul, Ivy Washington, Charles Nelson, Lawrence Brady, Anne Connolly, Virginia Mitchell and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We pray for Elizabeth Osei who is unwell. We pray for all of those who work cultivating the land and harvesting crops so that we can be sustained in being. We especially remember those whose hard work lacks sufficient reward and pray that employers of farm labourers may always remunerate their staff adequately to ensure their flourishing.

Next to the Venerable English College in the Piazza Farnese of Rome lies the Bridgittine Convent named after St Bridget of Sweden whose feast day we will celebrate this coming week. St Bridget stayed in the Convent and religious sisters inspired by her run the guest house adjacent to the convent and gather for prayer within it each day. While I was in Rome it was a custom for the seminarians (candidates studying to be priests at the English College) to serve their Sunday Vespers; after doing so we would get a cup of tea and cake as a ‘thank you’ for the singing and serving: kind hospitality. It wasn’t uniquely displayed on those Sundays by the sisters; while I was in Rome it **was reported** that a case for canonisation (declaring someone a saint) was initiated for Mother Riccarda; an English nun who smuggled Jews into the convent during the Nazi occupation of Rome which began in 1943. Some Jews who gave evidence to the enquiry about her character (a necessary part of the process of canonisation) spoke of Mother Riccarda’s kind hospitality saying how they nicknamed her “Mama”. May God grant us the grace to be as hospitable to those who call upon our kindness in their hour of need as Mother Riccarda was to those who were so cruelly treated! **Father Matthew**

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### Next Sunday's Readings: 17th Sunday in OT

First: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12  
Psalm: 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130  
Second: Romans 8:28-30  
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



## PARISH NEWS

**NICOLA JONES:** Many of you will know Nicola who has worked in the Priests' House for the past six years assisting with secretarial duties: you will very likely have spoken to her on the phone when calling the office or seen her answer the door. Due to our strained financial circumstances in light of the pandemic we have been unable to afford employing a secretarial assistant and have therefore had to take the difficult decision of making the role redundant which means it will not be possible for Nicola to continue working for us. The Finance Committee and Parish Council have expressed their thanks to Nicola and I want to add a personal word of thanks for her service and kindness to those who have approached her with different needs and enquiries. We are sad to say 'goodbye' and very grateful to have had her working for us in such a dedicated and compassionate manner over the years. If you have any notes for Nicola please drop them into the Priests' House door and I will be sure to forward them on to her. **Fr M.**

**BAPTISMS / WEDDINGS:** The Archbishop has now issued guidance for infant baptism and weddings making it possible to celebrate these sacraments publicly. The maximum number who can attend these ceremonies according to HM Government is 30; please [email us](#) to arrange.

**DEACON DERMOTT'S GETTING ORDAINED!** Deacon Dermott (Fr Matthew's brother who's been on placement here and helping us over the time of lockdown) is to be ordained to the sacred priesthood at 3pm on Sunday 26th July in St George's Cathedral by Archbishop John. It's a real shame that due to restrictions only a very limited number can be in attendance and it is therefore closed to the public. I know many of you have been praying for him and please continue to do so! Archbishop John has appointed him as Assistant Priest at St George's Cathedral from this September: he won't be too far away which is nice for me and my mum. I'll be sure to share photos when I have them on social media.

**BOOKING FOR SUNDAY MASS!** For the foreseeable future our Sunday Mass schedule will be 6pm Saturday, 10am and 12pm Sunday. Bookings open each Wednesday and you can book your place via our homepage: [www.catholicbrixtonhill.org.uk](http://www.catholicbrixtonhill.org.uk). Please spread the word and come along! There are a limited number of places available due to social distancing requirements.

Please note:

- If you are unsuccessful in your application please do not come as you will not be admitted.
- that the obligation to attend *Sunday* Mass is still suspended and I warmly encourage those who are free during the week to attend our 9am weekday Mass instead.

**MIDWEEK HOLY HOUR:** Our Church will open at 8am from Tuesday to Friday each week during which time the blessed sacrament will be exposed on the altar for adoration. All are welcome to come and pray in the quiet of the Church in front of the Lord during this time.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Mass will be celebrated **Tuesday - Saturday at 9am** (no need to register)!

**MASS BY TELEPHONE!** I forgot to include the telephone number which the housebound can call to hear LIVE Sunday Mass on the telephone (details [here](#)). Apologies! It is: 01642130120.

**MORE SUNDAY MASSES:** The number of Masses we can offer is dependent upon the number of Stewards we have available to assist with access and maintaining social distancing:

- If you are willing to be a Steward for one of our Sunday Masses please fill in the form [here](#).